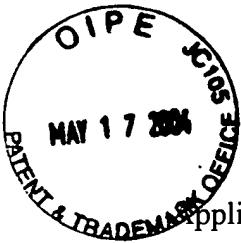


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Anne Boullin et al.

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Appl. No.: 09/908,980

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Mail Stop AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated February 10, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application. The three-month shortened statutory period for response to the Official Action was set to expire on May 10, 2004. With acceptance of the accompanying fee, the time for response is extended to June 10, 2004. Accordingly, Applicants believe that this response is timely filed. Should any additional fee be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Amendments to the Specification are presented beginning on page 3 of this document.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:



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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

[] Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.

[] Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.

[X] The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	10	-	20	= 0 x \$18.00	= \$0.00
Independent Claims:	2	-	3	= 0 x \$86.00	= \$0.00

First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:	+	\$290.00	=	\$0.00
		CLAIMS FEE TOTAL	=	\$0.00

[X] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

[X] Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$110.00
[] Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$420.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$950.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,480.00	\$0.00
[] Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,010.00	\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:	\$110.00
[] Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d):	\$110.00	\$0.00
	CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL:	\$110.00
[] Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:	\$110.00

[] Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$110.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

[X] A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed.

[X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such

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Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date May 12, 2004

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